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AMENDMENT

Applicant respectfully requests that the Application, as referenced above, be amended in accordance with the following:

In the Claims:

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) An apparatus for protecting animals from contacting power lines comprising:
a cylindrical member for engaging a wire; and
[attachment] securing means for [attaching] securing said cylindrical member to said wire.

Please amend Claim 4 as follows:

4. (Amended) An apparatus as described in Claim 1 wherein said [attachment] securing means comprises at least one helical member for wrapping around said wire [thus limiting movement of said cylindrical member].

Please amend Claim 5 as follows:

5. (Amended) An apparatus as described in Claim 4 further comprising [voids] a notch in said cylindrical member for accommodating an insulator as commonly disposed on a power pole.